

problems identified by the SEB. This presentation must explain any applicable special standards of responsibility; evaluation factors and subfactors; the significant strengths and significant weaknesses of the offerors; the Government cost estimate, if applicable; the offerors' proposed cost/price; the probable cost; the proposed fee arrangements; and the final adjectival ratings and scores to the subfactor level.

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(ii) Directly relate the significant strengths, deficiencies, and significant weaknesses to the evaluation factors and subfactors.

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(7) *Final Mission Suitability Ratings and Scores.* Summarizes the evaluation subfactors, the maximum points achievable, and the scores of the offerors in the competitive range.

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#### **PART 1819—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS**

5. In section 1819.7206, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the words "or element".

#### **PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES**

6. In section 1852.217-71, "(OCTOBER 1998)" is revised to read "(MONTH/YEAR)", and paragraph (g) is amended by removing the words "and elements".

7. In section 1852.217-72, "(OCTOBER 1998)" is revised to read "(MONTH/YEAR)", and paragraph (g) is amended by removing the words "and elements".

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

##### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

##### **50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018-AF34

##### **Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Threatened Status for the Santa Ana Sucker**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), reopen the comment period on the proposal to list the Santa Ana Sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*) as a threatened species. The comment period is extended to accommodate the public notice requirement of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (Act) and to consider new scientific information. In addition, reopening of the comment period will allow further opportunity for all interested parties to submit comments on the proposal, which is available (see **ADDRESSES** section). We are seeking comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning the proposed rule. Comments already submitted on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted as they will be fully consider in the final determination.

**DATES:** The reopened comment period closes January 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and materials concerning this proposed rule should be sent to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California, 92008. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glen Knowles, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) at (760) 431-9440.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On January 26, 1999, the Service published a rule proposing threatened status for the Santa Ana Sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*) in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 3915). The original comment period closed on March 29, 1999. Section 4(b)(5)(D) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires us to "publish a summary of the proposed regulation in a newspaper of general circulation in each area of the United States in which the species is believed to occur." To accommodate this requirement, we are reopening the comment period for this proposal to list the Santa Ana sucker as a threatened

species. The comment period now closes on January 3, 2000. Written comments should be submitted to the Service (see **ADDRESSES** section).

The Santa Ana Sucker was once one of the most common fish species in southern California. Today, the species is reduced to approximately 25 percent of its former range. These declines occurred coincident with the urbanization of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The species is threatened by potential habitat destruction, natural and human-induced changes in streamflows, urban development and related land-use practices, intensive recreation, the introduction of non-native competitors and predators, and demographics associated with small populations. Comments from the public regarding the accuracy of this proposed rule are sought, especially regarding:

(1) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data concerning any threat (or lack thereof) to this species;

(2) The location of any additional occurrences of this species and the reasons why any habitat should or should not be determined to be critical habitat pursuant to section 4 of the Act;

(3) Additional information concerning the range, distribution, and population size of this species;

(4) Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on the Santa Ana Sucker or its habitat;

(5) Information regarding the introduction of the Santa Clara River population and the role it may play in the recovery of this species.

Comments previously submitted during the first comment period need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in the final determination.

**Author:** The primary author of this notice is Glen Knowles (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority:** The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 10, 1999.

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